

# Mario Party Decorations and Activities

**Video Games-** We set up Mario Kart 8 for the Switch for Teens and older kids to play.

**Activities:** Pictures at end of document. Purchase links available when possible.

1. Goomba stomp- We had brown balloons (link below) that we put faces and feet on to look like goombas. We just found a free print of of the Goomba eyes and mouth. We used tape and glue to put them on. I would save this for right before the event as the glue and tape were coming off after a few days. Used square black plates for the feet. Kids could stomp one Goomba or adopt it (I wanted to minimize clean up). Some Goombas in the pictures below have the teeth pointing in wrong directions fyi.

[Amazon.com: Qualatex 5" Chocolate Brown Latex Balloons \(100ct\) : Home & Kitchen](#)

[Amazon.com: Unique Square Dessert Paper Plates, 7", Black : Health & Household](#)

2. Bowser ring toss- We are creating koopas/Bowser shells out of green sleds and Styrofoam spikes. Kids will just toss rings and try to get them on the spikes. Amazon link no longer available but any small green sled will do. We used sandpaper on the plastic sled. We tried painting it first but the paint peeled. Roughing it with sandpaper helped. We modge podged the cones to seal the styrofoam and also paper mached them several times to harden them up as we were afraid they would break with repeated use.

[Craft Foam Cones 20-Pack, White Polystyrene Cone Shaped Foam, Foam Tree Cones \(2.5X5.9in\), for Arts and Crafts, Christmas, School, Wedding, Birthday, DIY Home Craft Project. \(amazon.com\)](#)

3. Floor is lava- We borrowed stepping stones from our Youth department. I think they are on Amazon but could not find an active link as of this writing. We bought a tablecloth with a lava picture that went on the floor. I had a felt Mario star created and gave it to younger kids who were scared of the steps and the 'lava' so they could just walk through. A yellow star grants invincibility in the game.

[Amazon.com: 3 Pieces Lava Tablecloth Decorations Fire Birthday Party Table Covers Volcano Table Clothes Waterproof Flame Plastic Table Party Supplies for Picnic Home Outdoor Indoor Party Favor : Home & Kitchen](#)

4. Mario Kart- Created a track with painters tape. Castle decorations came from Amazon as did the hoppy balls.  
[Amazon.com: Easy Playhouse Blank Castle - Kids Art & Craft for Indoor & Outdoor Fun, Color, Draw, Doodle on this Blank Canvas–Decorate & Personalize a Cardboard Fort, 32" X 32" X 43.5" -Made in USA, Age 3+ : Toys & Games](#)

[Amazon.com: AppleRound Space Hopper Ball: 28in/70cm Diameter for Ages 13 and Up, Pump Included \(Hop Ball, Kangaroo Bouncer, Hoppity Hop, Sit and Bounce, Jumping Ball\) : Toys & Games](#)

[EVERICH TOY Hopper Ball, Bouncing Ball for Kids, 20 Inches Jumping Ball Hoppity Hop Ball Toys, Hippity hop Balls for Kids 3-6 \(amazon.com\)](#)

5. Mario Photo backdrop- We had an area with props (giant green pipes, Mario blocks, possible backdrop, etc) where people can take pictures. Pipe was a green project board that I cut into sections and hot glued it together. I put a green hula hoop on the bottom to help keep its form. We put some piranha plants, Bob-ombs around it for decorations.  
[36 x 48 Green Foam Project Board, Pack of 3 \(amazon.com\)](#)

### Crafts:

-Create a Yoshi egg for the younger kids. These are just normal sized Easter Eggs that we put colored stickers on to make an egg look like a Yoshi egg.



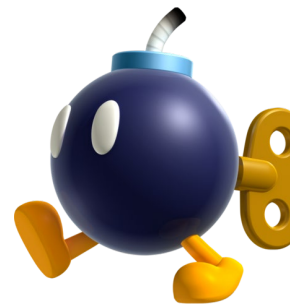
-Make a piranha plant. This is just a green solo cup with a popsicle stick inside that has a piranha plant cut out glued to it. We had a few colored cut outs and a few blank ones that could be colored however they want.

-6. Giant felt King Boo and Goomboss. We carved out a giant cardboard outline of both the boo and goomba and created other felt faces to put on each. We hot glued the base felt color to the cardboard. Hold it tight while gluing.

### Decorations:

-7. Bob-ombs. Just some paper lanterns (red and black) with painted half foam balls for feet. The fuse, eyes, and top are felt.

We used 12 inch lanterns and 8cm foam balls (link no longer works). These were pretty big so feel free to scale down. I used hot glue to secure all pieces. For a couple red ones, I taped some

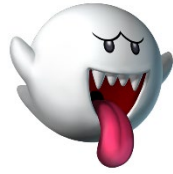


puck lights to the metal wires inside so they could flash like in the game. It was a hassle so might want to skip. For King Bob-omb, just do the same process but add a felt crown, blue hands, and mustache. The 'hands' are left over foam balls.

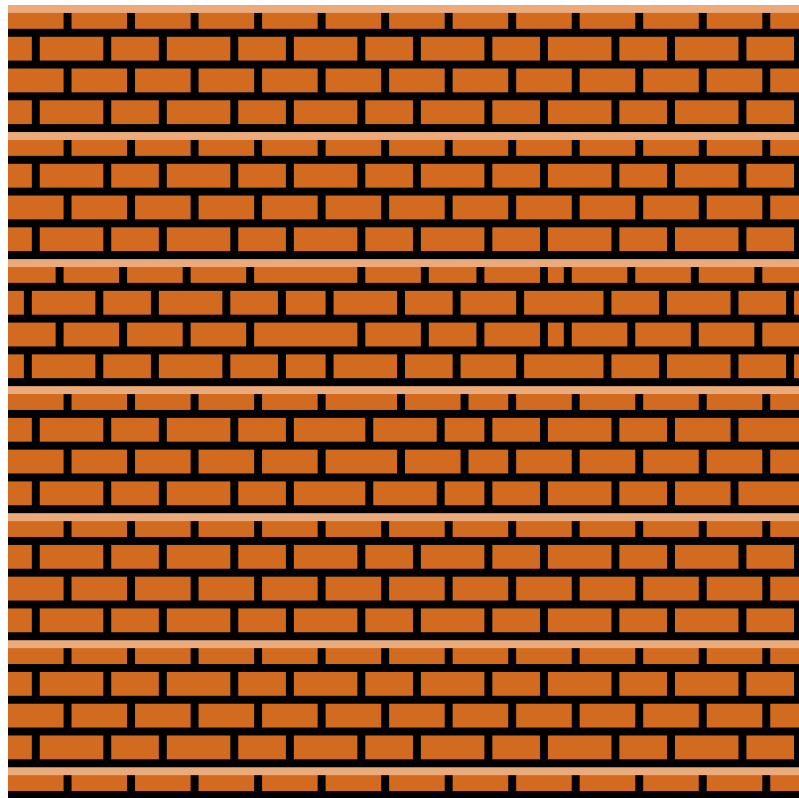
. [GALLIA Rechargeable Under Cabinet Lights, Wireless LED Closet Lights, RGB Puck Lights with 4 Dynamic Modes, Remote Control and Timer Off Function, Bright & Dimmable Battery Operated Lights \(3 Packs\) - - Amazon.com](#)

[Just Artifacts 12-Inch Black Chinese Japanese Paper Lanterns \(Set of 5, Black\) - - Amazon.com](#)

-Ghosts: These are just balloons with painted on faces with marker.



-Mario blocks: I just found a similar pattern as below, printed them off on either 8.5 x11 or 11 x 17 paper and taped them to many, many, many, cardboard boxes.



-8. Piranha plant. We bought green PVC pipe, giant foam balls (8 inch), and a Lowe's bucket for the pipe. This one took the most work. The first link is the site where I got the inspiration but I did change a few things. You must first secure the pipe to the bottom of a bucket. I had to drill a hole in a block of wood with a hole big enough to fit my pipe and then used E6000 adhesive. I also glued some rocks to the bottom for weight. For the head, cut out a Pac man type mouth. Prepare for a mess. I used sand paper to get rid of the rough edges. Paint red with acrylic paint on the outside and black paint for the inside of the mouth. The teeth, lips, and white spots were all white felt. The leaves were just green construction paper that we used Mod Podge to harden a little. Green construction paper was also used on the bucket to make it look like a pipe. I also glued a circle of black felt inside the pipe to help cover the inside. To bend one pipe, you will need a heat gun or I have seen some people put hot sand into PVC pipes to do the same thing. Plenty of Youtube videos to find. Cut a circle hole in the foam ball head (I traced one with the pipes before gluing them so the diameter was at least close). I used tacky glue to attach the head to the pipe. I used foam discs to help reinforce the connection point at the head and painted them green.

[DIY Super Mario Piranha Plants – Fireguy DIY](#)

[FORMUFIT Furniture Grade PVC Pipe, 40", 1/2" Size, Green \(3-Pack\): Amazon.com: Industrial & Scientific](#)

[Many Sizes Craft Foam Circle Disc - 12 PC Pack 1" Thick \(2" Diameter 12 Pieces\) \(amazon.com\)](#)

[Crafjie 8 inch 2pcs Giant Foam Balls, Smooth Large White Foam Balls, Solid Craft Balls for Christmas DIY Ornaments and School Projects and Modeling Projects, for Arts and Crafts. \(amazon.com\)](#)

